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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1.-34. (Canceled).

35. (Previously presented) A drilling or servicing fluid composition comprising:  
an aqueous liquid as the continuous phase;  
one or more surfactants;  
aphrons; and  
one or more aphron stabilizers, wherein at least one said aphron stabilizer comprises polyvinyl alcohol, and the composition comprises from about 0.05% to about 2% by weight aphron stabilizer.

36-40. (Canceled)

41. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 35 further comprising one or more viscosifiers.

42. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 35 wherein the aphrons have an average half-life of greater than or equal to about 20 hours.

43. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 35 wherein the aphrons have an average half-life of greater than or equal to about 75 hours.

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44. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 35 wherein the aphrons have an average half-life of greater than or equal to about 150 hours.

45. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 35 wherein the aphrons have an average half-life of greater than or equal to about 200 hours.